

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2354) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to the Fiscal Year 2012 Energy and Water Appropriations bill. At a time when our economy is already fragile, the Majority appears intent on reducing Federal funding for the very programs that drive technological innovation, economic growth, and job creation.

Scientific research lies at the very heart of the national innovation system that keeps us competitive, enhances our quality of life, fuels our economy, and improves our national security. Investments in our Federal science agencies and our national innovation infrastructure are not big government spending programs that we cannot afford. They are minimum down-payments on our country's national security, public health, and economic vitality that we cannot afford to postpone.

Yet, this bill contains enormous cuts to several programs at the Department of Energy that are critical for supporting innovation and increasing American economic competitiveness.

This bill slashes nearly \$43 million in funding from the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Science compared to Fiscal Year 2011. The Office of Science is the Nation's primary sponsor of research in the physical sciences and has been integral to the development of dozens of innovative technologies. Some have become the underpinnings of modern scientific disciplines; some have revolutionized medicine; some have advanced our national energy security; some have made our troops safer. That is the nature and the power of scientific research—the ultimate outcomes cannot necessarily be known in advance, but investments in basic discovery can yield enormous dividends. I offered an amendment to restore funding to the DOE Office of Science so that it could maintain current operations. Unfortunately, my amendment was defeated.

This bill provided \$100 million for the Department of Energy's Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E). ARPA-E supports high-risk, high-reward research on energy technologies. Funding for ARPA-E directly contributes to the creation of new technologies, new industries, and new jobs. Yet, the Majority intended to slash funding for this valuable program by an astonishing 81 percent relative to the President's request.

Fortunately, the House passed an amendment offered by my colleague Mr. SCHIFF that

will restore funding for ARPA-E to Fiscal Year 2011 levels. I was pleased to join my colleagues in voting for this important amendment.

This legislation contains \$1.3 billion for energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, a remarkable 59 percent less than President Obama's request. This is the worst possible moment to slash funding for sustainable energy technologies. The DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy supports research and development of sustainable energy technologies that strengthen the economy and protect the environment. Research in sustainable and efficient energy technologies increases our energy security, reduces our dependence on foreign oil, creates jobs, and increases our economic competitiveness. Yet the Majority made devastating cuts to this valuable program.

Remarkably, the Majority was not satisfied with these cuts to energy efficiency programs. The House adopted by voice vote an amendment that would bar the Department of Energy from using funds to enforce energy efficiency standards for light bulbs enacted by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. Yet, just days before, the House rejected an identical measure. This efficiency standard, enacted in a bipartisan bill signed into law by President Bush, simply requires that new light bulbs use 25 to 30 percent less energy than traditional incandescent light bulbs. No light bulbs are banned. No consumers will be forced to use one type of light bulb over another type.

Since Congress acted 4 years ago, lighting companies have invested significant capital and resources into research, development, and new technologies—exactly the kind of investments that our economy desperately needs. So again, the Majority has voted to thwart technological progress and cost American jobs and money.

While I do not object to the committee's decision to add disaster relief funding for projects resulting from tornadoes, storms, and floods across the Midwest and Southeast, I oppose strongly the decision to rescind \$1 billion in unobligated funding for high-speed rail projects. In May, the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded Amtrak \$450 million in funding to upgrade its rail infrastructure to support more frequent and faster high-speed rail service, and to improve reliability of current service between New York and Washington. Now this funding will be unavailable. This will result in a loss of jobs and infrastructure in my Central New Jersey district—one of the busiest segments of the Northeast Corridor and where the densest concentration of Acela Express high-speed rail operations occurs. This provision amounts to a step backward in the development of the nation's intercity rail infrastructure.

In May, the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded Amtrak \$450 million in funding to upgrade its rail infrastructure to support more frequent and faster high-speed rail service, and to improve reliability of current service

between New York and Washington. Specifically, this award would upgrade electrical power, signal systems, track and overhead catenary wires in my Central New Jersey district—one of the busiest segments of the Northeast Corridor (NEC) and where the densest concentration of Acela Express high-speed rail operations occurs. This work is critical to Amtrak's plan to double high-speed Acela service between New York and Washington by 2022.

Budgets reflect, in dollars and cents, our priorities as a nation. We must provide Federal support for programs that encourage scientific research and support economic development. At a time when our economy is already fragile, abandoning scientific research would cause the U.S. to lose even more high-tech jobs to our foreign competitors. That is not the way to compete in the future, especially when the economy is in a fragile recovery. For all of these reasons, I am voting against this bill.

IN HONOR'S LIGHT, IN HONOR OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR ON JULY 12, 2011, RANGER SGT. 1ST CLASS LEROY PETRY, 75TH RANGER REGIMENT, THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, on May 26, 2008, Sgt. 1st Class Leroy Petry of Sante Fe, New Mexico, while on his 8th tour of duty in both Iraq and Afghanistan and in the midst of a firefight, distinguished himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty. Ranger Sgt. Leroy Petry lost his right hand and suffered severe wounds after picking up a live grenade and throwing it away from his fellow soldiers, thereby saving the lives of his comrades. He also was wounded in both legs and in the midst of the battle tied tourniquets to his legs and arm. Today we honor this great American Hero and the many like him with the presentation of The Medal of Honor to him at The White House by President Barack Obama. I ask that this poem penned in his honor by Albert Caswell, be placed in the RECORD.

IN HONOR'S LIGHT

In . . .

In the battle, but comes the light!

From out of such darkness, so very bright!

All between life and death, that which so ignites! So brilliant, and so very bright!

To lead the way, to win that fight! To save their Brother In Arms, its height!

While, forsaking one's own most precious life! Shining there, all in their most heroic glare so bright!

Leading the way, all in what they so gave so right! All In Honor's Light!

For, from only out of one's soul . . . Can but only such brilliance, so flow!

Can but only such light but shine so!

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Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

When, who lives . . . or dies? And who but
lives to see another sunrise?
When, it all so depends on you! Such Splen-
did Splendor, Such God-like Light!
Which, bring's such tears to even The Angels
eyes! All in such selfless sacrifice!
While, bathed all In Honor's Light! Good-
ness! Evil! Darkness! Light!
Those Brave Hearts, Who Evil Must Fight!
Who so shine, who but bring their
light!
All In Honor's Light!
Moments! Are all we have! When, it all so de-
pends on you!
When, death but lies so very close! As when
you Leroy, so rose to such new heights!
Ranger, all in your most brilliant light! As it
all so came shining through!
All in valor's most magnificent hue! For
what child will now be born?
For which love's, will so live on?
Who might change the world, or rise . . . all
In Honor's Height!
Sgt. 1st Class Petry, All because you! When,
All In Honor and Death . . .
What your fine heart, so pledged!
For what was right and what is true! 'Ah yes,
Ranger's lead, Leroy as so did you!
All for our nation, and that old Red, White
and Blue!
All for your Brothers In Arms, as your most
courageous heart so grew!
All in, Your Most Magnificent Hue! All In
Honor's Light, So Very True!
As why this day Ranger Petry, you so shine
so true!
With all of those other magnificent's . . .
Who now so who, have so shown All Honor's
Light so too!
As this Medal of Honor, we now bestowed
upon You!
All In Honor's Light! This hue!
OOO-AH!

—by Albert Carey Caswell.

IN HONOR OF PAUL BURIK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Paul Burik, who is being honored at this year's American Nationalities Movement's awards dinner.

Mr. Burik was born in Budvar, in what was then Czechoslovakia. In 1968, during the Soviet invasion, he and his father managed to escape and settled in Cleveland, Ohio. After graduating from Kent State University with a degree in architecture, Paul spent much of his professional career working as Chief Architect for the City of Cleveland.

Mr. Burik is currently the President of the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation, an organization consisting of more than two dozen gardens representing various nationalities. Among the gardens is a Czech Garden. Since he became President, the Cultural Gardens have expanded annually for the past four years and several more nationalities are waiting to build a garden. Mr. Burik is also the President of the Cleveland Chapter of the Czech and Slovak Society of Arts and Sciences, a nonprofit cultural organization.

Mr. Burik currently resides in Avon, Ohio, with his wife, Fran, with whom he has two children and two grandchildren. In Avon, Paul is the co-Founder and Secretary of the French Creek Development Association, an organization dedicated to the improvement and promotion of downtown Avon.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Paul Burik, a man who has dedicated so much of his time and talents to his community and its betterment.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEW YORK PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor and privilege to congratulate New York—Presbyterian Hospital for its impressive achievement of once again ranking number one among New York hospitals according to U.S. News and World Report's 2011–2012 Best Hospital Rankings. Nationally, New York—Presbyterian ranked sixth out of almost 5,000 hospitals. The hospital offers the highest quality comprehensive care, which has also landed it on U.S. News' Honor Roll for the eleventh year in a row. Achieving this prestigious distinction is no small feat. In order to reach this list, a hospital must be ranked at or near the top in at least six specialties. New York—Presbyterian is highly ranked in 11. These specialties include Cancer; Cardiology & Heart Surgery; Diabetes & Endocrinology; Geriatrics; Neurology & Neurosurgery; Orthopedics; Psychiatry; and Pulmonology. The hospital is also nationally ranked in 15 adult and 10 pediatric specialties.

New York—Presbyterian Hospital is the largest not-for-profit, non-sectarian hospital in the United States, with 2,409 beds and nearly 2 million inpatient and outpatient visits annually. The hospital has 6,144 affiliated physicians and a staff of nearly 20,000. New York—Presbyterian is a teaching hospital with five major centers located throughout New York State. It is accredited by the Joint Commission and the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

There are many other attributes to this great institution that keep it among the nation's top hospitals. New York—Presbyterian Hospital puts its patients first, staying on the cutting edge of life-saving technology. As the only hospital in the United States affiliated with two Ivy-League medical schools, the hospital seeks to reinvent medical practice, offering breakthrough treatments for brain and prostate cancers. The hospital has centers and institutes dedicated specifically to cardiology and reproductive medicine. New York—Presbyterian Hospital offers world class care, with the largest solid organ transplant program in the nation. Safety and quality are top priorities for the hospital and they have created an award-winning "Patient Safety Fridays" program that has been adopted by medical centers throughout the country.

It brings immense honor to the fifteenth district of New York and to the state as a whole, for the commendable work of this hospital to be recognized on a national scale. I congratulate New York—Presbyterian, the President and CEO of the hospital, Dr. Herbert Pardes, and encourage them to keep up the great work.

RECOGNITION OF BEVERLY ARM- STRONG AND HER SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMER- ICA AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the invaluable service of Beverly Armstrong to the United States of America. Like many military spouses, Beverly has devoted her life to the United States Army as the wife of Retired Sergeant First Class John P. Armstrong and as a Department of the Army Civilian. After twenty-one years of loyal and dedicated service to the U.S. Army as a civilian employee, Beverly retired from Fort Devens, Massachusetts on June 30, 2011.

Beverly Armstrong was born in Fredericksburg, Virginia on October 11, 1947. Beverly met SFC Armstrong when he returned to Virginia in 1967 from his first tour of duty in Vietnam and they married two months later. Shortly after, SFC Armstrong was deployed to Fort Wainwright, Alaska and Fort Leonardwood, Missouri with Beverly by his side. SFC Armstrong was deployed to a second tour of duty in Vietnam two years later where he was wounded by gunfire. SFC Armstrong returned to active duty in Korea and Germany while Beverly remained in the United States. Their last active duty posting was at Fort Devens, Massachusetts where SFC Armstrong retired in 1986.

Beverly and SFC Armstrong both returned to the U.S. Army in 1989 as civilian employees. Beverly continued serving her country and its military as a Military Pay Clerk, Statistician at the U.S. Army Hospital, and a Procurement Clerk and Purchasing Agent, all at Fort Devens. Later, as a Contract Specialist within the Fort Devens Contracting Office, Beverly honored her country by processing contracts for soldiers involved in Operations Desert Storm, Desert Shield, and Enduring Freedom. During her tenure as a federal employee with the U.S. Army, Beverly served with pride and valor just as she has served her country throughout her life.

Beverly Armstrong contributed twenty-one years of civilian service in addition to over forty years as a military spouse. Beverly stood by SFC Armstrong through six deployments including three overseas and one in a combat zone. Military families sacrifice much in the support of our troops. It is only fitting that all Americans recognize their considerable service for our country. On the occasion of her retirement, I commend Beverly for an extensive and auspicious civilian career with the U.S. Army and express my sincere gratitude for her distinguished service to the United States of America.

ADDRESSING OUR NATION'S POVERTY PROBLEM

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, earlier today my colleagues spoke about poverty in

America. I regret that I could not join them at that time and now I wish to submit my own remarks. These are very tough times for rural districts such as the one I represent in the northeastern corner of North Carolina. It is the fourth poorest Congressional District in the U.S. 24 percent of the people I represent and 36 percent of the children live below the poverty line. Those are chilling statistics.

There are enormous racial disparities in poverty rates, and they are only getting larger. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 25.8 percent—one in four—of all black Americans live in poverty compared to an overall national poverty rate of 14.3 percent. This compares to 25.3 percent poverty among Hispanics, 12.5 percent among Asians and 9.4 percent among whites.

The poverty problem in America is getting worse; not better. In 2006, the overall poverty rate was 12.6 percent, and in 2008, the overall poverty rate was 13.2 percent. The poverty rate now is the highest it has been since 1994.

Other indicators are equally alarming. More Americans than ever find themselves in need of food. In 2009, 14.7 percent of U.S. households had difficulty providing enough food for family members at some point during the year. This is the highest level observed since the U.S.D.A. started monitoring food security in 1995. From 2007 to 2009, the number of households using food pantries rose by 44 percent from 3.9 to 5.6 million households.

Similar trends of racial disparities exist amongst individuals lacking health insurance coverage. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 21 percent—one in five—black Americans are uninsured. This compares to 12 percent among whites and 17.2 percent among Asians. The number of uninsured children has risen to 7.5 million. In total, over 50.7 million people, or 16.7 percent of the country's population lack health insurance coverage—a dramatic increase from 46.3 million in 2008.

Poverty, hunger, and suffering are increasing—especially for people of color—during these difficult economic times. These are sad and terrible realities that a distressing number of my constituents face.

My district has many vivid and unfortunate illustrations of poverty: nearly one in 20 homes in some counties do not have a telephone or a kitchen, and many of my constituents are still living without indoor plumbing. As the national numbers show, eastern North Carolina is not unique in its poverty or suffering. People are poor, getting poorer, and are largely being ignored by policy makers all across the country.

Recent budget plans offered by the other side of the aisle would cut spending from most safety net programs, such as Medicare, Social Security, and food security programs, while increasing defense spending. If these misguided plans are passed into law, the impacts would be felt by all Americans and we would face a second Great Recession.

As we face an impending debt crisis and unsustainable levels of spending, we must balance our ongoing commitments to job creation and tax code reform while ensuring changes are not made at the expense of children, minorities, and seniors. We have a moral obligation to fight for the millions of Americans who are overlooked and suffering each and every day.

Mr. Speaker, we must work together toward developing comprehensive strategies to eradi-

cate the growing poverty and hunger in the world's wealthiest nation.

IN HONOR OF THE AMERICAN VOLUNTEER GROUP "FLYING TIGERS"

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Volunteer Group (AVG) known in China as "The Flying Tigers," on the occasion of its 70th anniversary.

In 1941, Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek authorized retired U.S. Lieutenant General Claire Lee Chennault to create a group of American pilots and airmen to assist and train Chinese aerial forces. With President Franklin D. Roosevelt's permission, Armed Forces members were allowed to volunteer for this assignment. In total, 97 pilots and 185 ground personnel from the U.S. Army, Navy, and Marine Corps volunteered.

The group faced many initial challenges. To start, the group had 100 P-40 fighter planes (painted with the now-famous "shark's face" nose), many of which were in less than ideal condition. Additionally, the group had only four months to train and prepare before action started. However, the AVG was able to establish three separate squadrons: Adam and Eve, the Panda Bears, and Hell's Angels.

The group first saw action on December 20, 1941, just 12 days after the attack on Pearl Harbor. While U.S. air forces and the Royal Air Force were generally unsuccessful against the Japanese at the war's onset, the AVG was notably successful, largely due to Chennault's innovative fighting tactics.

For their efforts, at the group's 50th anniversary, the AVG was rewarded veteran status for service in World War II. The following year they were also rewarded with the Presidential Unit Citation. In 1992, each member of the AVG ground personnel was awarded the Bronze Star and pilots were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the American Volunteer Group "Flying Tigers," whose bravery and courage in the face of incredible difficulties will inspire future pilots and military servicemen and women for years to come.

COMMEMORATING THE 37TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH OCCUPATION OF CYPRUS

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call my colleagues' attention to the 37th anniversary of the Turkish tragic invasion of Cyprus. Turkey's unlawful occupation, which began on this day in 1974, left thousands of innocent Greek Cypriot civilians without their homes, their land, and their families. It is crucial for us to commemorate this unfortunate situation and assist the people of Cyprus in reaching a solution.

Many of the Cypriot generation who suffered the invasion have not lived to see justice or a resolution to this conflict. Although many of the survivors have had the opportunity to return to their homes on the northern side of the island, it was only to discover them occupied by Turkish settlers.

Only Turkey recognizes the occupied northern side of the country as a Turkish Cypriot state, but it does not even provide a valid standard of living to their own citizens. This was made evident through the recent demonstrations by Turkish Cypriots who have displayed their own dissatisfaction with the Turkish occupation.

Thirty-seven years after the invasion, the Turkish government continues to throw obstacles in the path to peace. Instead of compromising, Turkey threatens a deadlock on relations between Turkey and the European Union if the Republic of Cyprus takes over the presidency of the European Union in July 2012. It is clear that Cypriots of all kinds are ready for peace, but how can peace be reached when Turkey will not even accept Cyprus as a member of the European Union? The time has come for Turkey to end their threats, withdraw their troops, and return the territory that is not rightfully theirs. That way, the Cypriots—and the Cypriots alone—can make the decisions affecting their future.

DEBT REDUCTION PLANS EFFECTS ON POVERTY

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the devastating effects of the Republican agenda on the poor. Debt reduction plans that gut social safety net programs will put millions of low-income families at risk.

According to the U.S. Census, the number of people in poverty in 2009—43.6 million—is the largest number in the 51 years for which poverty estimates have been published.

In my home state of Ohio, 15.2 percent of the state's population lived in poverty in 2009. Among African-American seniors, 67 percent are at or below the poverty line, and 12 percent of African Americans rely on Medicare to survive.

Cuts to Medicaid will disproportionately affect African-American communities. In 2009, 27 percent of African-Americans—approximately 10 million people, including 6 million children—were covered by Medicaid.

When everyone talks about the budget, all you hear about are numbers. Behind those numbers are people: hard-working Americans or the unemployed or those who are just getting by.

There is an urgent need to resolve the debt ceiling issue and it is beyond irresponsible not to raise the debt limit. We all agree that we have to responsibly reduce the deficit, but not on the backs of the most vulnerable. My job in Congress is to be a voice for the voiceless and I will fight to help these Americans by opposing the Republican budget.

HONORING THE LIFE OF U.S. NAVY
CORPSMAN JEFFREY L. WIENER

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of U.S. Navy Corpsman Jeffrey L. Wiener, and honor his memory through the dedication and renaming of the Lynbrook Post Office.

Jeffrey, a native of Lynbrook, NY, dedicated his life to public and volunteer service as a volunteer firefighter, AMT and Navy Corpsman. Jeffrey joined the Navy shortly after September 11, 2001 and immediately volunteered to be assigned to a fighting Marine infantry company. Jeffrey trained as a fighting infantryman who also provided medical services to those who had been wounded. In February of 2005, Jeffrey arrived in Iraq and shortly after, was assigned to a Marine Mobile Assault Platoon (MAP).

On May 7, 2005, while serving with his team in Al-Anbar Province in Iraq, Jeffrey was killed while attempting to help another platoon involved in combat. Jeffrey made the ultimate sacrifice while serving and defending our country and it is for this reason that the U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution to dedicate the Lynbrook Post Office in his honor.

As of Friday, July 22, 2011, the Lynbrook Post Office will be known as the "Navy Corpsman Jeffrey L. Wiener Post Office Building." This is a fitting tribute to Jeffrey's honor and memory. Jeffrey and his family made the ultimate sacrifice for this country and this is a small gesture to thank them and honor the memory of such a brave and dedicated hero.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and appreciation that I acknowledge the accomplishments of HM2, Jeffrey L. Wiener, USN and pay tribute to him and his family through the dedication of the Navy Corpsman Jeffrey L. Wiener Post Office Building.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, earlier in the week I missed several rollcall votes and I wish to state how I would have voted had I been present:

Rollcall No. 601—Yes.
Rollcall No. 603—No.
Rollcall No. 604—No.
Rollcall No. 605—Yes.
Rollcall No. 606—No.
Rollcall No. 608—No.
Rollcall No. 609—No.
Rollcall No. 610—Yes.
Rollcall No. 611—No.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,342,887,364,361.82.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$3,704,461,618,068.02 since then.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FAMILIES OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS' CELEBRATION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS CHURCH

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor, recognize, and celebrate the Families of Our Lady Queen of Angels in celebration of the 125th anniversary of the founding of Our Lady Queen of Angels Church.

Our Lady Queen of Angels Church was constructed in 1886 at the urging of the New York Archbishop Corrigan for the German community that lived in the neighborhood. The church, located in East Harlem, was built by Father Bonaventure, a Capuchin Friar who founded the Capuchins in New York City. The building was designed as a replica of the Portiuncula, the chapel where Francis of Assisi died. Friar Solanus Casey, the only American Capuchin to become Venerable lived at Our Lady Queen of Angels during the 1920s and was very devoted to the congregation. The church holds a rich religious history and a symbolic legacy for the Capuchins.

The church has been an important feature of the East Harlem Community for 125 years. The congregation has opened its doors, providing service and hope, to the poor and immigrant communities. The church has united the community and provided a welcoming place to practice the Catholic faith.

On February 12, 2007 Cardinal Egan, the Archbishop of New York ordered that the church be closed immediately. Although the building itself was closed, the families of Our Lady Queen of Angels refused to abandon the spirit of the parish community. Every Sunday since the closing the congregation has gathered on the sidewalk in front of the church to conduct their own service. Lacking a priest, they conduct the services themselves; the parishioners stand in a tight circle to sing hymns and discuss Bible passages in the context of their own lives. These services take place without fail, regardless of rough weather conditions. In addition to the weekly services, the congregation goes on retreats, celebrates Catholic holy days, and hosts community and ethnic special events.

This parish has demonstrated the power and fortitude of community. They refused to allow the loss of a physical space to destroy the bonds that they share with each other. The congregation serves as a beautiful portrayal of the positive outcome produced by uniting in the face of adversity.

I ask my colleagues and our Nation to join me in this special Congressional Recognition of the Families of Our Lady Queen of Angels as they celebrate the 125th anniversary of the church founding.

37TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 37th anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. The 1974 invasion claimed the lives of approximately 5,000 Greek Cypriots, while 200,000 were forcefully displaced from their homes. This is a dark chapter not only for Hellenes, but for all of Europe.

Thirty-seven years later, 43,000 Turkish soldiers still occupy over 35 percent of Cyprus illegally. This occupied area is one of the most militarized areas in the world, despite the fact that Turkish and Greek Cypriots live in relative harmony.

An agreement for a bi-communal governance and power sharing between Greek and Turkish Cypriots would not only serve the best interests for all of Cyprus, but it would also serve the U.S. in promoting peace and stability in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Cyprus has supported the U.S. in the efforts to counter terrorist-related activities and threats to peace and security. During the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq Cyprus has provided over-flight and landing rights to the United States aircraft and port access for U.S. ships. In Beirut barracks bombing in 1983 Cyprus provided the staging ground for the U.S. evacuation and rescue efforts. In July–August 2006, Cyprus served as the principal transit location for people evacuating Lebanon.

Cyprus shares the United States' deep and abiding commitment to upholding the ideals of freedom, democracy, justice, human rights, and the international rule of law, making the unification of Cyprus important. History shows us that Cyprus is a reliable partner to the U.S.

I've met with Cypriot President Demetrios Christofias and his dedication to reunifying Cyprus is commendable, and continues to be his top priority. If only he could be met halfway by Turkey, Cyprus could flourish faster in this global economy with a unifying identity and single sovereignty.

IN HONOR OF MR. WILLIAM
DENIHAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. William Denihan, who is being honored as a Home Grown Hero for his

work with Cudell Improvement, Inc. As founder and the first president of the organization, Bill has shown his commitment to “neighbors helping neighbors” and revitalizing the Cudell/Edgewater neighborhood of Cleveland.

Bill has held various leadership roles at the state, county, and local levels for years, always displaying his passion for the public good. He has served as Director of Public Service for the City of Cleveland, Director of Human Resources for the State of Ohio and Cuyahoga County, Executive Director of Ohio’s State Employee Relations Board, and Acting Chief of Police. Bill has also taught at Cleveland State University’s College of Urban Affairs and at the Ohio Certified Public Managers Program.

Bill founded Cudell Improvement, Inc. in 1974 and served as its first President. The organization is committed to providing assistance primarily to the Cudell/Edgewater neighborhood of Cleveland in a variety of areas, including real estate development, crime prevention, commercial revitalization, and youth services.

Bill currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County. He is married with 11 children and 34 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, join me in honoring Mr. William Denihan who has spent his career serving the people of Ohio and the Cleveland area.

IN HONOR OF MARIN ALSOP

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maestra Marin Alsop, whose visionary and charismatic leadership has made the Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music in Santa Cruz, California our nation’s global leader in the creation and presentation of contemporary music for orchestra.

Born in New York City, Marin Alsop attended Yale University and received her Master’s Degree from The Juilliard School and was the first woman to be awarded the Koussevitsky Conducting Prize from the Tanglewood Music Center where she became a protégé of Leonard Bernstein. She has gone on to make history as the first woman to lead a major American orchestra; the first conductor to receive a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship (“genius award”); and the first artist to win both Gramophone’s Artist of the Year and the Royal Philharmonic Society’s Conductor’s Award in the same season. Other prizes include a European Women of Achievement Award, a Classical BRIT Award for Best Female Artist, the Royal Philharmonic Society’s BBC Radio 3 Listeners Award, Musical America’s Conductor of the Year, and induction as a fellow to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Described by the New York Times as “a conductor with a vision of what an American orchestra could be in the 21st century,” Marin Alsop has made Cabrillo a place where composers, musicians, audiences, and the community interact, and where everyone contributes to the process of modern symphonic

music making. By the force of her genius and her genuineness, the Festival has become a creative gathering like none other in the world.

A Music Director of vision and distinction who passionately believes that “music has the power to change lives,” Marin Alsop has made the Festival a creative force on the international stage. No longer just a presenter of new works, Cabrillo is now an originator of new works, with more and more composers choosing the Festival for the first performance of their newest works. This season there will be a historic seven world premieres, each written to celebrate her special 20th anniversary season.

Mr. Speaker, for all that she has done for living composers and the future of symphonic music as a vibrant American art form, and for all that she will undoubtedly achieve in the years ahead, I extend my most sincere appreciation and congratulations to Marin Alsop on the occasion of her 20th anniversary as music director of the Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PASTOR
MARY ALLEN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Pastor Mary Allen for her devotion and work with her church and within her community.

Pastor Mary Allen is a loving wife and proud mother of two beautiful children, Minister Monica Allen and Minister Clinton Allen. She has been married to Bishop Clenso Allen for 45 years and they celebrated their wedding anniversary on May 3, 2011.

Prior to her extensive involvement with her church, Pastor Mary Allen was an employee at Chase Manhattan Bank for 17 years. She eventually left the business world to pursue a calling in prayer and righteousness. Pastor Mary Allen has taken up leadership roles as the head of the Daughters of Naomi Women Empowerment Fellowship in her church and as the Director of the Calvary Outreach Ministry. Pastor Mary Allen uses all at her disposal to engage the needy and spread her ministry to them.

In 1995 Pastor Mary Allen attained a higher level of ministry as she was ordained as an Elder. She pursued this higher level of ministry after God called her to proclaim His word and spread her faith among her peers. She is presently serving as co-Pastor under the leadership of her husband Bishop Clenso Allen.

Pastor Mary Allen has acquired several accolades over the years because of her work with the church. On June 15, 2008 she received her Doctor of Divinity Degree from International Christian University in Chesapeake Virginia. In March 2010 she was named by District Attorney Charles Haynes along with 30 other women as Outstanding Women in Brooklyn, New York.

Pastor Mary Allen continues to spread the word of the Lord and works fervently within her community to help the needy. Her favorite Scripture can be found in the book of Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me”.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and accomplishments of Pastor Mary Allen.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HAROLD
BLANCHARD MACKENZIE

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Harold Blanchard Mackenzie, a model constituent and a loyal citizen to the United States.

Harold was born on October 14, 1913, in Forsyth, Montana. Harold’s great-grandfather and grandfather, Jonathan and Charles Blanchard, were the first two Presidents of Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, where he would often visit as a young boy. He eventually attended Wheaton College, graduating in 1936. He then went on to graduate from law school at Northwestern University in Chicago in 1940 and was admitted to the Illinois Bar.

That same year Harold felt the call of duty and enlisted in the Illinois National Guard in what would become the 9th Armored Division. In 1944, along with the Division, Harold sailed to Europe and participated in some of the most pivotal moments of World War II, including the Battle of the Bulge, the Battle at Bastogne, and the capture of Ludendorf Bridge at Remagen, Germany, in 1945. Harold was also a witness to the horrors of the Holocaust when he visited Buchenwald concentration camp a day after its liberation.

Upon returning home to Wheaton, Harold opened his own firm and practiced law for over fifty years, earning widespread respect and admiration for his legal advice. Always a generous man with a servant heart, Harold would often do work pro bono.

This generosity was a reflection of his deep faith in God. An active member of Glen Ellyn Evangelical Covenant Church for more than fifty years, Harold would frequently serve on the church’s Missions and Evangelism Committees. He also played a key role in the founding of the Christian Medical Society, the Christian Booksellers’ Association, the Evangelical Child and Family Agency, and the Missionary Furlough Homes Foundation.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, Mr. Harold Blanchard Mackenzie was a man who understood well his duty to family, to his country and to God. After ninety-seven years of a life of commitment, love and sacrifice, he is worthy of our deepest honor, respect and admiration. Please join me in remembering him as a shining example of the best the “Greatest Generation” ever had to offer.

IN HONOR OF MAUREEN SILO

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Maureen Silo, beloved spouse of Susan McMillan, daughter of the late Mary Agnes Burns and the late James Thomas Hanlon, sister to Jean Marie Bruno of Sarasota, FL and James Francis Hanlon of

San Antonio, TX and aunt of Matthew Hanlon of San Antonio, TX, Jena Kolt, Kairi Kolt and Lucian MacMillan of the Bronx, passed away on July 17, 2011 at Calvary Hospital, Bronx, NY.

A native of the Bronx, Maureen entered military service in the U.S. Army in 1974. After leaving the Army, Maureen moved back to NYC and became the first female high rise window washer in the City of New York! Maureen worked at the Bronx VA where she met her spouse Susan in 1992. Susan and Maureen became official domestic partners on April 19, 1994. They were legally married on October 4, 2008 in Wellfleet, MA.

Always a humanitarian and champion for the underdog, Maureen found her calling in helping others. She became a social worker after getting her B.A. in Social Work from Lehman College and then graduated from Yeshiva University with an M.A. in Social Work. She worked in the burn unit at Jacobi Hospital during her undergrad internship and at the NYC Gay and Lesbian Anti-violence Project during her graduate internship. She continued to work at AVP after receiving her M.A. for four more years. She then went to work for NYC HRA in July of 2001 as a social worker for victims of domestic violence. She transferred to the Department of Homeless Services in 2004 and became a supervisor/manager.

Maureen also volunteered with the American Red Cross as a mental health worker. She was on the Bronx Disaster Response Team for three years. She worked in Mississippi for two weeks after Hurricane Katrina.

Maureen was a great lover of animals and rescued and provided a safe, secure, loving home for six dogs and four cats with her spouse Susan over a period of 18 years.

In Judaism there is a phrase about a Woman of Valor and Maureen Silo was such a woman. Through her actions she had shown us all how to live with love and grace even through life's most challenging times. I join with her family and friends in their time of grief and am grateful for her dignity and courage. As said in the Bible: "Who can find a virtuous woman for her price is far above rubies?" Well, that woman was Maureen Silo.

RECOGNITION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS AS FRANKLIN COUNTY'S SEAT

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th anniversary of the designation of the town of Greenfield, Massachusetts as the county seat of Franklin County. The town of Greenfield was incorporated in 1753 and named for the nearby Green River. Hampshire County was divided to create Franklin County in 1811, and Greenfield was designated as the seat of government for Franklin County. After 200 years of development and innovation, Greenfield and Franklin County continue to thrive on the exceptional enthusiasm of their citizenry.

Greenfield has long been associated with commercial development and economic diversification. The strategic location at the con-

fluence of the Deerfield and Connecticut Rivers provided advantages to manufacturers in the 18th century. Throughout the 19th century, major transportation routes linking Springfield, Massachusetts to New Hampshire and also Boston to New York began to pass through Greenfield. The town eventually grew to accommodate the influx of manufacturers which lasted until the conclusion of World War I in 1918.

The ingenuity and resolve of Greenfield citizens ensured that the Great Depression did not cripple its agricultural and industrial workers, as happened elsewhere in America. The U.S. engagement in World War II then worked to stoke new business opportunities in Greenfield, and these economic openings allowed the town and its residents to quickly rebuild from the Depression and spring forward and economically develop further. In 2003, Greenfield grew to the point of adopting a mayoral form of government—thus, officially becoming a city in Massachusetts—in order to continue and improve upon its tradition of providing superior recreational, educational and business opportunities for its residents.

On the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the designation of the town of Greenfield, Massachusetts as the county seat of Franklin County, I congratulate its citizens and praise their dedication and perseverance throughout the town and city's history. I look forward with enthusiastic support as we work together for a prosperous future.

RECOGNIZING FRANK WORTHINGTON

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to properly recognize the life and military service of Private Frank Worthington of the United States Colored Troops. Private Worthington, a former slave, served during the Civil War and on August 13, 2011, his family will remember his life and military service at Maplewood Cemetery in Wilson, North Carolina with a Civil War headstone dedication ceremony.

Frank Worthington was born a slave. It was a sad and troubled time in our Nation's history. He was a slave on a plantation located in Pitt County, North Carolina. Upon escaping from the plantation, he joined the United States Colored Troops of the Union Army on December 13, 1864 in New Bern, North Carolina. Private Worthington served honorably through the remainder of the War in Companies B & E of the 14th Regiment United States Colored Heavy Artillery.

Recognizing the brave sacrifices of African American soldiers during the Civil War, Private Frank Worthington and 209,144 other names are proudly displayed on the Wall of Honor at the new African American Civil War Museum which will hold its grand opening on July 18, 2011. The new African American Civil War Museum will honor the contributions and sacrifices made by African American soldiers during the Civil War in the preservation of our Union. The inclusion of Private Worthington's name on the Wall of Honor is a worthy tribute, and I know his descendants will feel an immense sense of pride knowing that his name

will be forever included in this wonderful museum.

Private Worthington will be further remembered on August 13, 2011 when his family will gather to dedicate an official Civil War headstone from the Department of Veterans Affairs. The family has organized a three-day reunion, culminating with the dedication of the headstone which will forever memorialize his heroic and selfless action on behalf of the Union.

I ask my colleagues join me in offering sincere congratulations and our deepest sense of gratitude to the family of Private Frank Worthington for receiving, after almost 100 years since his death, the proper recognition of a life and military service that contributed immensely to our great country. Our Nation is forever indebted to the service of Private Frank Worthington and other African Americans who served during the Civil War.

TRIBUTE TO THE SERVICE OF REVEREND ARTURO GOMEZ

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask Congress to pay tribute to the spiritual leadership and service of Reverend Arturo Gomez. I want to extend my congratulations to Father Gomez on his retirement on July 24, 2011, after over thirty years of priesthood.

Father Gomez has served our community with humility and compassion. He will leave a legacy of service and spiritual leadership that most people can only hope to strive for. Father Gomez has touched the lives of many people. I want to thank him not only on behalf of our community, but as a parishioner, for his service to the Congregation of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, in union with the diocese of San Bernardino.

Father Gomez's parents and faith in God have helped shape him into the man he has become today. Family has always been a central part of Father Gomez's life. He has said that after Jesus and Mary, his greatest role models of goodness are his parents. They are his heroes. His father, Auerliano, immigrated to the United States from Jalpa, Zacatecas, Mexico, and met his mother, Petra, in Santa Paula, California. Father Gomez is the third oldest of the twelve children the couple raised.

Father Gomez has lived a life of service to others. After graduating at the top of his high school class, he joined the United States army because he was grateful to God and his country for the aid his family received. Father Arturo trained and served as a medic in Europe. Once he returned home he continued to practice nursing to support his widowed mother and eight younger siblings. Father Arturo waited to enter religious life until the last of his siblings completed high school.

His diligence and steady faith allowed him to earn a Bachelor's degree followed by two Master's degrees. He was ordained into Priesthood on August 23, 1980. Father Gomez entered religious life at the age of thirty and will retire after over thirty years of humble service. Heeding the commandment, love thy neighbor, he has tirelessly advocated on behalf of members of his parish facing deportation.

Father Gomez is a beloved guide and Shepherd to our community. From performing the last rights, to ministering to his flock, he is there to offer a helping hand and his prayers along the way. He has served our community with unwavering faith in the good of humankind. On behalf of my wife, Barbara, and my children, Councilman Joe Baca Jr., Jeremy, Natalie, and Jennifer, we would like to congratulate Father Gomez for his leadership, service, and guidance. We will miss him and his special blessing that he bestowed to me and my family. May the Lord continue to grant him wisdom and watch over him.

STAFF SERGEANT EDWARD D.
MILLS JR. REMEMBRANCE

HON. JASON ALTMIRE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. ALTMIRE. Mr. Speaker, on May 26, 2011, a hero from western Pennsylvania was lost in Afghanistan. Staff Sergeant Edward D. Mills Jr. was killed by a bomb planted by insurgents as he was serving bravely on his third overseas tour since joining the Army in 2005.

I, along with all Americans, am extremely grateful for his brave and honorable service in the United States Army during such an important period in our nation's history. Mills graduated from Union High School and is survived by his wife, Amanda Brenner and parents Edward Mills Sr. and Kathie Greenawalt from New Castle, Pennsylvania.

During his 6-year career as an infantryman, Staff Sergeant Mills received the Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Arrowhead Device, Iraq Campaign Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal, Air Assault Badge, Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, and Combat Infantryman Badge.

He was an example of service, dedication, and the values that make western Pennsylvania and our country great. We will miss him dearly as a hero and asset to our community, and my thoughts and prayers go out to his family in New Castle.

TRIBUTE TO FRED HELMSING

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise with sadness to note the recent passing of Mr. Fred Helmsing, a prominent Mobilian and a distinguished south Alabama attorney who was much respected in our community. Mr. Helmsing passed away on July 9 at the age of 70.

A native of Mobile, Fred was a graduate of McGill Institute, Spring Hill College, the University of Alabama School of Law, and New York University. Upon completion of his education, he returned home to Mobile where he embarked upon a long and respected career as an attorney.

Over more than four decades in the legal profession, Mr. Helmsing rose to become the senior partner of one of Mobile's leading law firms, Helmsing, Leach, Herlong, Newman and Rouse. He was also active in many local civic and charitable organizations.

A noted jurist who specialized in complex civil and white-collar criminal litigation, Mr. Helmsing was a member of the Alabama Bar Association, the Florida Bar Association, the Mobile County Bar Association, the Litigation and Taxation Sections of the American Bar Association, and the Farrah Law Society. He was also a fellow in the America College of Trial Lawyers and the Alabama Law Foundation.

Known to his family and close friends as "Big Fred," Mr. Helmsing took great pleasure in the outdoors and conveyed his love of nature to others. He held a lifelong passion for travel and hunting and fishing and was fond of fly-fishing in the American West and shooting pheasants in England. He also spent much time at his hunting lodge in Monroe County, Alabama.

Mr. Speaker, Mobile's legal community and, indeed, all of south Alabama lost a dear friend with Fred Helmsing's passing. I wish to extend my deepest condolences to his lovely wife of 42 years, Susan; their sons, Frederick and Guy; their daughter, Margaret; his mother, Gertrude; and his two brothers, sister and five grandchildren, as well as a long list of close friends. You are all in our thoughts and prayers as, together, we honor the legacy of a truly good man and great friend.

HONORING THE EFFORTS OF ABBY WAMBACH AND THE UNITED STATES WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Abby Wambach and the U.S. Women's soccer team for their display of dedication, sportsmanship and skill in the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup.

Abby Wambach grew up in Pittsford, NY in New York's 29th Congressional District. Her skill set earned her accolades from Umbro and the National Soccer Coaches Association of America following her senior season at Our Lady of Mercy High School in Rochester, NY.

Abby's 600 minutes of play in the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup was the most of any other participant and her four goals earned her the 'bronze boot'. Including her precision goal in the 104th minute of play in the finals, Abby's four goals were all made using her head, a skill that has defined her as a threat within the keeper's box.

I am proud of the hard work Abby Wambach and the United States Women's soccer team put forth in the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup and I await their continued growth as a team in preparation for the 2015 tournament in Canada.

ADDITIONAL CONCERNS REGARDING MATTHEW OLSEN'S NOMINATION

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I submit additional concerns about the President's nomination of Matthew Olsen to lead the National Counterterrorism Center.

During a May 7, 2009, Senate hearing, Attorney General Eric Holder said, "With regard to those you would describe as terrorists, we would not bring them into this country and release them, anyone we would consider to be a terrorist."

It is now well known from numerous press accounts, including Newsweek, The Washington Post, and National Journal, that the Obama Administration's Guantanamo Review Task Force, led by Matthew Olsen, recommended the transfer and release of at least two Uyghur detainees, who were members of a recognized terrorist group, to the United States in April 2009. The secret transfer was to take place on or around May 1, 2009.

The Uyghur detainees held at Guantanamo Bay are trained terrorists and members or associates of the Eastern Turkistan Islamic Movement (ETIM), a designated terrorist group affiliated with al Qaeda, as designated by both the U.S. government and the United Nations. Whether their intended victims were Chinese or Americans, a trained terrorist is a terrorist, under U.S. immigration law.

According to testimony and government documents, many of the Uyghur detainees have admitted to training at ETIM camps in Tora Bora under the direction of ETIM leader Abdul Haq prior to their capture by Pakistani authorities in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) of Pakistan.

By recommendation of the task force led by Mr. Olsen, the Uyghur detainees were to be secretly settled in an apartment in northern Virginia under an unknown immigration statute. The immigration status of these detainees remains one of the critical unknown questions surrounding this failed effort. A careful reading of U.S. immigration law shows a broad and strict ban on the entry of any member of a terrorist organization.

As a former special counselor to the attorney general, Mr. Olsen should have been well aware of the strict statutory restrictions that would bar the admission of any alien who is affiliated with a recognized terrorist organization into the U.S. As the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence considers Mr. Olsen's nomination to lead the National Counterterrorism Center, they should carefully consider his judgment in recommending the legally-questionable secret release of the Uyghur detainees into the U.S.

Under Title 8, Chapter 12 of U.S. Code on "Inadmissible Aliens," the law clearly and unconditionally bars a member, representative or associate of a recognized terrorist organization from receiving any sort of visa, refugee or asylum to the U.S. The law prohibits entry to the U.S. for any individual who has "engaged in a terrorist activity" or is "a representative of a terrorist organization," "a political, social, or other group that endorses or espouses terrorist activity," "is a member of a terrorist organization," "endorses or espouses terrorist

activity or persuades others to endorse or espouse terrorist activity or support a terrorist organization," or "has received military-type training from or on behalf of any organization that, at the time the training was received, was a terrorist organization."

The only limited exception to this strict ban is for the attorney general to exercise "parole" status into the U.S. for a limited amount of time in the case of "significant public benefit." If this option were to be exercised, it would conflict with the administration's stated intent to permanently settle the Uyghur detainees in the U.S. It also would raise serious questions about whether the task force, led by Mr. Olsen, recommended the settlement of terrorist detainees would have "significant public benefit."

The ETIM is a terrorist group that uses violence against civilians for the creation of an independent, Islamic state—in the image of the Taliban's Afghanistan—in the Xinjiang region of China. The group is linked to a number of terrorist attacks in China during the mid-1990s, including several bus bombings that killed dozens and injured hundreds of innocent civilians, as well as threats of attacks against the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. Over the past decade, the group has predominantly operated out of Afghanistan and Pakistan and has developed close links with al Qaeda and the Taliban.

On August 19, 2002, then Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage designated the ETIM as "a terrorist group that committed acts of violence against unarmed civilians." The group was designated by the State Department under Executive Order 13224, "Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism," which defines terrorist as "activity that (1) involves a violent act or act dangerous to human life, property, or infrastructure; and (2) appears to be intended to intimidate or coerce a civilian population; to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or to affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination, kidnapping, or hostage-taking." In 2004, the State Department further added the ETIM to the "Terrorist Exclusion List" (TEL) under section 411 of the USA Patriot Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-56), which prohibits members of designated terrorist groups from entering into the U.S.

Later in 2002, the U.S. Embassy in Beijing reported that two members of the ETIM were deported from Kyrgyzstan after allegedly plotting to attack the U.S. embassy there. Following the attempted attack, the U.S., Peoples Republic of China, Afghanistan, and Kyrgyzstan asked the United Nations to designate the ETIM as a terrorist group under Security Council resolutions 1267 and 1390, which provide for the freezing of the group's assets.

In April 2009—the same month the release of the Uyghur detainees was being planned—the Obama Administration added the current leader of the ETIM (also recognized as the ETIP), Abdul Haq, to terrorist lists under Executive Order 13224, following U.N. recognition of Haq, under Security Council Resolution 1267, as an individual affiliated with Osama bin Laden, al Qaeda, or the Taliban. According to Stuart Levey, Treasury under secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, "Abdul Haq commands a terror group that

sought to sow violence and fracture international unity at the 2008 Olympic Games in China."

The ETIM's relationship with al Qaeda has grown since it was invited by the Taliban to conduct training in Afghanistan in the late 1990s, followed by the move of the ETIM headquarters from the Xianjiang region to Kabul in September 1998.⁹ By 2005, Abdul Haq had been admitted to al Qaeda's "Shura Council and on November 16, 2008, an al Qaeda spokesman "stated that a Chinese citizen named 'Abdul Haq Turkistani' was appointed by Osama bin Laden as the leader of two organizations—'al Qaeda in China' and 'Hizbul Islam Li-Turkistan.'" This appointment was also confirmed by Abu Sulieman, a member of al Qaeda.

It is abundantly clear that the Uyghur detainees held at Guantanamo Bay are affiliated with the ETIM and trained under Abdul Haq in 2001. According to the detainees' sworn statement to U.S. authorities, many acknowledged that they had trained in an ETIM training camp in Tora Bora from June to November 2001 and at least one confirmed, "The person running the camp was named Abdul Haq."

Following the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan in fall 2001 cooperation between the ETIM and the Taliban increased. It is reported that the ETIM's leader prior to Abdul Haq, Hasan Mahsum, "led his men to support Taliban and fight alongside them against U.S. and the coalition forces. On 2 October 2003, Hasan Mahsum was killed, along with 8 other Islamic militants, by a Pakistani army raid on an al Qaeda hideout in South Waziristan area in Pakistan."

Additionally, a January 2008 al Qaeda in Afghanistan publication, "Martyrs in Time of Alienation," identified 120 "martyrs"—including five Uyghurs from Xianjiang and who trained in Tora Bora—who fought with the Taliban in Afghanistan against U.S. troops. One is reported to have been killed fighting U.S. forces during the invasion in 2001. Hasan Mahsum confirmed, prior to his death in 2003, that ETIM members trained and fought with al Qaeda forces in Afghanistan.

In addition to their affiliation in a designated terrorist organization and association with al Qaeda leader Abdul Haq, these detainees fervently believe in the creation of a Taliban-style Islamist state in northwestern China and do not share American values of respect, tolerance, and religious pluralism. In fact, one recent press account stated that, "Not long after being granted access to TV [at Guantanamo], some of the [Uighurs] were watching a soccer game. When a woman with bare arms was shown on the screen, one of the group grabbed the television and threw it to the ground, according to the officials."

Reports indicate that the ETIM's philosophy has dramatically evolved as a result of their training and cooperation with al Qaeda and the Taliban over the last decade. According to two experts, Rohan Gunaratna and Arabinda Acharya, "In the post-9/11 era, ETIM began to believe in the global jihad agenda. Today, the group follows the philosophy of al-Qaeda and respects Osama bin Laden. Such groups that believe in the global jihad do not confine their targets to the territories that they seek to control . . . [The ETIM] is presenting a threat to Chinese as well as Western targets worldwide."

Although the Uyghur detainees may not have been considered "enemy combatants" by the Obama Administration, U.S. immigration law clearly bars the admission of members of recognized terrorist groups. The Senate should carefully consider the legal steps that Mr. Olsen and his task force recommended be used to bring the ETIM detainees into the U.S. for permanent settlement. If his task force advocated exploiting limited "parole" entry for the detainees with the intended goal of permanent settlement, it would go against the letter and spirit of the law.

THE LANDING OF "ATLANTIS"

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, today is a bitter-sweet day for Florida's Space Coast, for the space program, and for the Nation. As *Atlantis* touched down at 5:57 a.m. today, July 21, 2011, at Kennedy Space Center, another era of exploration closed.

Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral have been the center of America's human space flight program since its inception. Nearly every manned mission has launched from Florida's Space Coast. The Shuttle program is no different. Every Shuttle mission has been processed, assembled, and launched by the talented and dedicated men and women at Kennedy Space Center.

Just as Kennedy Space Center has been an important part of the Shuttle Program, the Shuttle Program has been an essential part of Florida's identity, so much so that it was featured on our State's quarter. From the rumble of the Shuttle lifting off, to the sonic boom felt as the Shuttle traverses Florida on its way to land at Kennedy after another accomplished mission, the Shuttle is a part of Central Florida's culture.

Space Coast residents have cheered the successes the Shuttle Program has seen in its 30 years of service to our Nation: ferrying astronauts, modules, components, and experiments to the International Space Station; launching and repairing numerous satellites including the Hubble; launching three interplanetary probes; and advancing scientific experimentation including microgravity research. After all, the citizens of the Space Coast working at Kennedy Space Center helped make these successes possible.

Our community grieved deeply when, as President Ronald Reagan said, the *Challenger* astronauts "slipped the surly bonds of this Earth," to "touch the face of God," on January 28, 1986, and when the Shuttle *Columbia* failed to make it home on February 1, 2003. The entire Nation wept for the loss of these heroes, but the Space Coast mourned these brave men and women as family.

As we welcome *Atlantis* home for the last time, I would especially like to applaud all of our Shuttle workers from United Space Alliance and other contractors who did the work necessary to keep the Shuttles flying for 30 great years. It is their hard work and dedication that made these missions possible. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to each and every one of them on this historic, but bittersweet day.

CONGRATULATING NELSON
MANDELA ON HIS 93D BIRTHDAY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I join all people in South Africa and across the world in celebrating the Honorable Nelson Mandela's 93d birthday on July 18, 2011. Mandela is an inspirational leader who braved 27 years of imprisonment fighting to free South Africa from the racial oppression of apartheid, and ultimately unified the nation as its first President elected in a free South Africa.

Madiba is my personal hero because he fought and suffered for what was right and did not emerge bitter from the experience. I still remember his graciousness and good humor when I first met him; he started laughing and said, "No, this is not the sponsor of the bloody Rangel Amendment." I am proud to have met and worked with him to bring freedom and dignity to the oppressed in South Africa.

In honor of his birthday, the United Nations recognizes July 18 as Mandela Day. To pay tribute to Mandela's tireless 67-year effort in addressing the biggest issues we face, from combating HIV/AIDS to brokering global peace, we are asked to dedicate 67 minutes to do something for others in need.

I pledge to continue his work to help those in need and encourage everyone to do so as well.

IN HONOR OF THE "ATLANTIS"
AND THE SHUTTLE PROGRAMS'
FINAL MISSION: THE ATLANTIS
STS-135—FERGUSON—HURLEY—
MAGNUS—WALHEIM

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following:

Atlantis . . . Hail Atlantis! This, final thrust
. . . This The Shuttle's Final Mission,
so as such!

Five . . . Four . . . Three . . . Two . . . One
. . . Ignition . . . lift off!

As up towards the heavens you now so rush!
As on this day as is such . . . with this your
last and most final journey, all our
hearts but lie in a hush! As from The
Beginning . . . now to The End!

Oh how so quickly, we've all so been taken
to so then . . . To such new heights
we've all so sped!

So shuttled to back and forth, time and
again!

And because of all of this, to what new
world's will we one day so transcend?

All because of The Discovery's, The Endeavor's
. . . that went forth all in your
stead!

As The Challenger, who so met and held that
course!

To new Columbia's, with your most heroic
force! All in your most heroic blood so
shed!

As to lost worlds discovering, and to new
ones Atlantis you now report!

Let this Enterprise so continue to go forth!
Of all of these most distant travelers, all out
on their most heroic course!

And let not this quest so end!

All in our search for the answers, the truth
that we all must so comprehend!

Let Us Go Forth, all in our hearts of youth
begin!

And for all of those many journey's, over all
of those years.

As have so here, to Man and Womankind
meant so much!

While, out upon the face of God you've all so
stared! So sped!

All out there on the very edge of death, hur-
dling through space as you left!

As your fine hearts would so crest!

And because of all its majestic beauty, all in
tears you were so left!

As with this final thrust, suddenly how all of
those years have so come and gone!

By so fast, so sped!

To find answers, to all of those questions . . .
to which all our hearts must so be led!

While, soaring to new heights . . . as you'd
crest!

As you've appeared to us so very bright, all
in what was said!

As out on the night's horizon, streaking
across her skies at dusk in flight . . .
full speed ahead!

With all our hopes and dreams, and fears . . .
so carried with you up there, as one we
were wed!

As together, we've all so waded through . . .
through all of those most heartbroken
tears!

With all of those broken hearts and dreams,
that which so tragically appeared . . .

With but the loss of, all of those most mag-
nificent courageous pioneers!

As but exploration's grave cost so very clear!
Of The Challenger and The Columbia so here!

With all of those fine lives so lost so very
dear! SMITH, SCOBEE, McNAIR,
ONIZUKA, McAULIFFE, JARVIS,
RESNIK, BROWN, HUSBAND, CLARK,
CHAWLA, ANDERSON, McCOOL,
RAMON . . .

Brave Hearts, all out in their search for new
frontiers!

Who so boldly so went forth without fear!

As for them and their families, but hear our
Nation's prayers . . . her tears!

As now all of their fine souls are so etched
across the heavens, appear's!

As a lesson to all of our young, as to what
new heights and worlds . . .

A heart of courage can so climb to, can so
come!

As on this day Atlantis, as you So Search
For The Truth! All in your hearts of
youth, so sung!

While, Reaching For The Stars . . . soaring
ever forth, as brilliant, as brilliant as
any sun!

All in your quest for knowledge, but Let
This Dream Live On!

Let not this be the end, but the beginning of
new dreams and suns to form!

As on this Mission, The Shuttle Program so
comes to her end!

Let us give praise and thanks, to all of those
who have so shown!

So shown us all the way to courage and
faith,

whose most magnificent hearts have so car-
ried us with them on their ways . . .

Who once upon a time, let their dreams take
flight to new heights . . . as did they!

And go, where no women or man before has
so gone!

Who upon all of them, all our very futures
are so born!

While, upon such magnificent structures of
Man . . . to new heights they would
soar!

All because of their most courageous hearts
telling them, To Go Forth and Explore!

As up to the heavens, and outer space
defying death again once more so spo-
ken all with such grace!

To take Command, as now they so race!

And to all those, who upon this earth who
have stood by them so close!

Who at Mission Control,
have so shown such brilliance and such vigi-
lance, when it all so meant the most!

As The Centurions, The Guardians,
of all of those distant travelers up in outer
space, who counted upon you, would
boast!

Living with them, on the very edge of death
as you would host . . .

As on each new day, all of their very lives
were placed!

All in what they so faced!

Let not this so be the ending, but the begin-
ning . . . but to keep so sending!

To so sending up explorers to new worlds, up
in outer space!

To a world of hopes and dreams, where such
hearts of youth can so race . . .

Can so plan and scheme . . . Like JFK's
Dream, this pace!

But, to continue this most important race!
And Go Forth!

But to find the answers, to new celestial
worlds as we are advancing . . .

As already, from all of their gifts, so much
has so come forth, exists!

And yet, so much more but still lies ahead
. . .

all in our travels up in outer space, all in
what is to be written . . . so said!

For only if we go forward steadfast, will all
of our futures so be blessed, as come to
pass!

So Hail Atlantis, as you take that one last
pass . . . around this earth . . .

Take one last long hard look, one last long
glance all in its worth!

For all of us here so down upon this earth, as
you pass! So, ever must we Endeavor to
Discovery!

To find in you Atlantis, new worlds to ex-
plore and see!

So Godspeed! Godspeed, fair well Atlantis as
you speed!

As you and your kind, are but the very
height to where Man and Womankind
can so be led!

Because, whenever we ENDEAVOR . . . in
our ENTERPRISE to entertain such
thoughts . . .

To rise! All in our DISCOVERY, from hearts
of courage what can be brought forth
. . .

No matter what the cost, and not com-
promise!

To new worlds and lost shores, to chart our
course evermore . . . to new COLUM-
BIA'S this force . . . or an ATLANTIS
to so explore!

Then, will we win as THE CHALLENGER!
And to this our world, but all of our fu-
tures to so insure!

To learn and to grow, to therein there so . . .
but to fine the answers!

Of The Universe, to so strive for and know!
All bathed in exploration's warm glow!

That which lies before us so!

Hail Atlantis!

Hail Atlantis!

Hail Atlantis!

As You Soar! As You Go!

HONORING THE COHOCTON
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the brave men and women of the Cohocton Volunteer Fire Department who have tirelessly served our local and national community for 125 years. As the Cohocton Volunteer Fire Department celebrates its 125th anniversary, I applaud the many ways they have served our community.

From July 22–24, members of the department will hold several events commemorating the service of their valiant volunteers. Historical displays, parades, competitions and dinners will be held. The department will even be publishing a commemorative book on its history to celebrate this milestone.

For the past 125 years, members have selflessly given their time and energy to serve our community throughout periods of emergency and disaster. While the Cohocton Volunteer Fire Department should be commemorated for all of their service to our community, I want to especially highlight their tireless work during the 1972 Flood, the Ice Storm of 1991 and the Blizzard of 1993—three major storms which devastated the Chemung Valley.

Furthermore, the department also aided the national community during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Under a mutual aid request, the department sent an ambulance and personnel to the Twin Towers Site after the attack. The ambulance was equipped with medical supplies donated by the local community for use by the FDNY.

Members of the Cohocton Volunteer Fire Department have repeatedly risked their lives in order to save our friends and neighbors. I am proud to recognize such a self-sacrificing and courageous organization. I congratulate the Cohocton Volunteer Fire Department and thank them for their 125 years of service.

NLRB KILLING JOBS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, I became an original cosponsor to the Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act. This Act was introduced by Congressman TIM SCOTT and I am grateful for his efforts to create jobs.

This positive legislation will prohibit the National Labor Relations Board from overreaching its authority by dictating where private businesses can and cannot choose to create jobs in the United States. It is truly a shame that legislation must be created to counter the overreaching agenda of the job killing NLRB with its bizarre action to stop new jobs at the Boeing facility in South Carolina. I appreciate resistance by South Carolina's Governor Nikki Haley and Attorney General Alan Wilson to stop the bullying of unelected bureaucrats who are killing jobs.

At a time when over 14 million Americans are without work, the government should not

be creating policies that interfere with job growth and job creation. The Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act insures private businesses across the nation will be able to make decisions based on the best interests of their shareholders and workers.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

INTRODUCING THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP TAX CUT ACT OF 2011

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Entrepreneurship Tax Cut Act of 2011. This bill allows Americans to make penalty-free withdrawals from accounts such as Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) or 401(k)s in order to start, or invest in, new businesses. People who make these penalty-free withdrawals will be able to replenish their accounts.

One reason unemployment rates remain so high is that entrepreneurs are unable to obtain the capital they need to create new businesses and new jobs. Clearly, the policy of throwing billions of taxpayer dollars at big banks and allowing the Federal Reserve to shovel billions more into bank coffers has not succeeded. Congress must come up with innovative ways to ensure entrepreneurs and investors can raise the funds to start new businesses and put Americans back to work. Letting Americans use more of their money to start new businesses is a common sense solution to the unemployment problem. Therefore, I urge all my colleagues to help budding entrepreneurs and venture capitalists build new businesses and create the jobs of tomorrow by cosponsoring the Entrepreneurship Tax Cut Act.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOSEPH B. (JOE) SALTER

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of a truly wonderful man, Mr. Joseph B. (Joe) Salter, a longtime resident of Albany, Georgia, who passed away this spring after a series of serious health setbacks. Mr. Salter was 82 years old at the time of his passing.

A native of Arlington, Georgia, Joe Salter graduated from Arlington High School in 1945 and served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. A few years later, in 1952, he graduated from Emory University and went on to spend most of his adult life as a well-respected, successful realtor in the Albany area where he was also an active member of a number of different civic groups such as the Albany Golden K Kiwanis Club, the Albany Jaycees and the Albany Chamber of Commerce.

In work and at home, Joe Salter was first and foremost a man who loved his family, his

country and his God and not necessarily in that order. In practically everything he undertook, Mr. Salter sought to expand personal freedom and individual liberties. He was a frequent author of columns and op-ed pieces in the local newspapers of Georgia and through his diverse list of contacts around the country, Mr. Salter soon became known for his heartfelt concerns about the direction of our beloved country. While Joe Salter was the epitome of a southern gentleman, always courteous to one and all, he was also a textbook example of an active and engaged citizen. Many a mayor, congressman, senator and governor knew when Joe Salter was concerned about a matter, especially the role of limited government.

As a husband, father and grandfather, Joe Salter loved his family and worked tirelessly to leave behind a better community, state and country for them to inherit. In addition to being a dedicated family man, Mr. Salter was also a real patriot who loved the men and women of our nation's military as well as our veterans who, like Mr. Salter, had made a lifetime of sacrifices for a better America.

Mr. Speaker, Joe B. Salter was not only a true friend to all who knew him but he was an inspiration to young and old alike and at this time, I would ask the House to join me in extending our deepest sympathies to his widow, Betty Ann, as well as their daughter, Florrie, her husband, Tracy, their son, John, as well as their three grandchildren, Raleigh Elizabeth, Callie Grace and Benjamin Avert.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM VANDER ARK

HON. KEVIN YODER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize William Vander Ark of Leawood, Kansas. William was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes when he was 8 years old. William must act as a mathematician, a physician, a personal trainer and a dietician just to stay alive. His insulin pump functions as his lifeline.

This summer William joined 150 children and teens who participated in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Children's Congress in Washington, DC. Collectively, they are fighting for a cure and working to help raise research money for this chronic, debilitating disease that affects nearly 26 million Americans nationwide.

William is entering high school in the fall and wants a cure for Type 1 diabetes so the disease doesn't change the course of his future. His dream is to become a commercial pilot, but current rules prevent those who have Type 1 diabetes from getting a license. While the law is in place because of safety concerns, there have been large strides in the development of new, transformational technologies since its passage. Despite adversity, William is committed to his dream and knows that if he keeps his mind to it and works hard, he can someday change the rules.

One of these new technologies is the development of an artificial pancreas that is at a critical point in the regulatory process. I, along with numerous other Members of Congress, have written to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and expressed a strong interest in

a timely approval of this life-changing advancement. This technology could dramatically improve the health and quality of life for those, like William, who are living with diabetes.

People with diabetes need better tools to manage their disease and prevent its life threatening and costly complications. We need to move forward in the development of this technology by quickly providing clear and reasonable guidance so this can proceed as soon as possible.

William's passion and zeal have inspired not only me, but have left an impression on my entire staff. His parents should be extremely proud of him and his unwillingness to let a his life be dictated by his disease.

THE PASSING OF LILLIAN MOBLEY

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Ms. BASS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory and legacy of South Los Angeles activist and leader, Lillian Mobley.

Lillian Mobley was the matriarch of the African-American community and a legend in South Los Angeles. She was an inspiration for a generation of leaders that walked in her footsteps but nobody could truly walk in her shoes.

Combined tenderness with tenaciousness, Lillian Mobley spoke softly and smiled gently, but underneath it all, was a fiery passion.

Mr. Speaker, I always enjoyed watching the ritual we all practiced at events attended by Mrs. Mobley. One by one we would walk over

to her in an orderly manner and pay our respects, the way one should in the presence of a revered elder.

She has left a legacy of greatness behind and the prominent roles she played in establishing and protecting Martin Luther King Hospital and Charles Drew University Medical School are accomplishments of unbelievable magnitude.

May she rest in peace and may her memory inspire others.

RECOGNIZING THE 37TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ILLEGAL INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, yesterday marked the 37th anniversary of the illegal invasion and ongoing occupation of Cyprus by Turkish forces. During the war, approximately 5,000 Cypriots were killed and close to 200,000 Greek Cypriots were forcibly removed from their homes. This anniversary also marks another year in which Cyprus is divided between north and south and between the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot communities.

However, despite 37 years of division in Cyprus, I remain hopeful about reaching a just and lasting settlement. Following his election in February 2008, President Demetris Christofias followed through on his commitment to make the solution of the Cyprus problem his top priority. In September of that year, he embarked on full-fledged negotiations with

Mehmet Talat, who was at the time the leader of the Turkish Cypriot community. These negotiations are continuing under the new Turkish Cypriot leader Dervis Eroglu.

The ongoing talks aim at reaching a comprehensive settlement for the Cyprus problem with the goal of achieving the unification of Cyprus based on a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation and political equality, as set out in the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions. The agreement should also lead to a single sovereignty, single citizenship and single international personality for Cyprus.

There are still many difficult issues that need to be resolved before a comprehensive agreement to the Cyprus problem can be achieved. Turkey, which continues to deploy 43,000 troops in Cyprus, is critical to reaching such an agreement. I urge Turkey to work constructively with the Cypriots in support of a negotiated settlement and the peaceful reunification of the island.

For many years, Cyprus has proven to be a loyal friend and ally of the United States. Throughout the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, Cyprus has provided overflight and landing rights to U.S. aircraft and port access for our ships. In addition, during the Lebanon crisis of 2006, Cyprus served as the principal transit location for people evacuating Lebanon, including 15,000 U.S. citizens. The U.S. and Cyprus also share a deep commitment to freedom, democracy and human rights. Given the longstanding friendship between the U.S. and Cyprus, I call upon the United States Government to become actively engaged in moving forward the negotiations regarding the future of Cyprus.